Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A coated superabsorbent polymer particulate comprising [[a]] an aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 13 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds wherein the aqueous coating ~~is selected from a group consisting of~~ includes monovalent salts, divalent salts, trivalent salts ~~and~~ or higher salts.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 wherein the coating is selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium nitrate, magnesium chloride, aluminum sulfate, aluminum chloride and ferric chloride.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 10 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 8 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 5 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 3 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 10 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds, a centrifuge retention capacity of retaining 28 grams or more of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer and having an absorbency under load at 0.9 psi of retaining more than 13 grams of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer.

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 1 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 8 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds, a centrifuge retention capacity of retaining 25 grams or more of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer and having an absorbency under load at 0.9 psi of retaining more than 18 grams of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer.

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate comprising

a) a superabsorbent polymer particulate comprising from about 55 to about 99.9 wt.% of polymerizable unsaturated acid group containing monomers; and

from about 0.001 to about 5.0 wt.% of internal crosslinking agent; wherein the composition has a degree of neutralization of more than about 20%; and

b) [[a]] an aqueous salt coating the superabsorbent polymer particulate wherein the coated superabsorption polymer particulate having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 13 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 wherein the coating is selected from a group consisting of monovalent salts, divalent salts, trivalent salts and higher salts.

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 wherein the coating is selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium nitrate, magnesium chloride, aluminum sulfate, aluminum chloride and ferric chloride.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 10 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 8 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 5 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 3 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds.

17. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 10 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds, a centrifuge retention capacity of retaining 28 grams or more of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer and having an absorbency under load at 0.9 psi of retaining more than 13 grams of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer.

18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 8 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds, a centrifuge retention capacity of retaining 25 grams or more of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer and having an absorbency under load at 0.9 psi of retaining more than 18 grams of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The aqueous coated superabsorbent polymer particulate of claim 10 having a delayed free water absorption property of absorbing about 5 grams or less of water per gram of superabsorbent polymer in about 15 seconds, a centrifuge retention capacity of retaining 28 grams or more of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer and having an absorbency under load at 0.9 psi of retaining more than 16 grams of aqueous saline per gram of superabsorbent polymer.

Claims 20-28 (Cancelled)